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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to California Water Code, Division 7, Article 4, Section §13167.5 the San Diego California Regional Water Quality Control Board (San Diego Water Board) is providing the following 30-day public notice for Tentative Order No. R9-2006-0104, *Waste Discharge Requirements and Section 401 Water Quality Certification for Rancho Mission Viejo, LLC, The Ranch Plan Planning Area 1, Orange County.*

The adoption of this Tentative Order would authorize the permanent placement of fill into up to 2.66 acres (12,149 linear feet) of waters of the United States and 0.30 acres (1,214 linear feet) of non-federal waters of the State that are tributary to San Juan Creek. The discharges are proposed to accommodate development of Planning Area 1 of Rancho Mission Viejo's Ranch Plan in southern Orange County.

Rancho Mission Viejo, LLC has proposed to enhance 0.77 acres of habitat within San Juan Creek to compensate for loss of unvegetated streambed and that 2.19 acres of wetlands it has created within the 31-acre Gobernadora Ecosystem Restoration Area in Canada Gobernadora would compensate for effects to water quality and beneficial uses of the proposed fill to vegetated waters. Rancho Mission Viejo, LLC has also proposed a Water Quality Management Plan to prevent degradation of water quality and beneficial uses within San Juan Creek from stormwater and urban runoff discharges.

The October 11, 2006 Board meeting will commence at 9:00 a.m. and will be held at the office of the Rancho California Water District, 42135 Winchester Road, Temecula, California.

The San Diego Water Board will accept comments relevant to this action both orally and in writing. Written comments must be received by the San Diego Water Board on or before September 21, 2006. Copies of the Tentative Order No. R9-2006-0104 will be made available on-line at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego>. Copies or additional information can also be obtained by contacting Mr. Jeremy Haas, Northern Watershed Unit at:

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